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Newly submitted and amended claim 1 is now directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally claimed invention of claim 1 was directed to "a method of heating a kiln" used to make cement clinker (the method of making cement clinker was an intended use of the kiln itself). Applicants have amended claim 1 to now be "a method of producing (or making) cement clinker" which is certainly a different invention. The applicants 12/31/07 amendment and response have not been entered and is NON-RESPONSIVE. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the *originally presented invention*, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 1 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

It is noted that the timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on 12/31/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action for the reasons above. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply which means a responsive amendment. That would encompass simply amending claim 1 back to its original preamble form of "A method of heating a kiln used in the manufacture of producing cement clinker". (No more than that is necessary). This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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